

### April Permits Keep Boom Hot

Building permits for the Kauffman tract at 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave. kept the boom going in Torrance during April and pushed the total for the year ahead of last year at the same time, the Building Department reports.

\$4,391,788 in building permits were issued in April, making the total for the first three months of 1954 hit \$11,679,078, compared to \$11,000,070 for the first three months of 1953.

The April total almost doubled the April, 1953 mark of \$2,614,448. According to the Department, another \$2,000,000 in permits is being readied for issuance in May.

### Power Engineering Co. Moves Offices Here

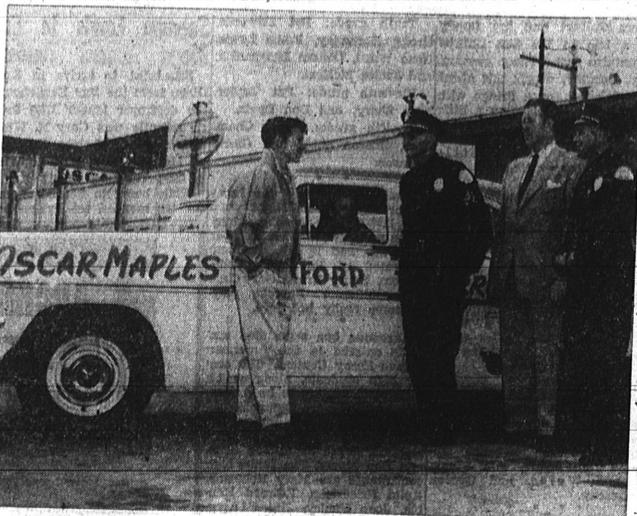
Moving offices from Wilmington to Torrance this week was L. S. Power Engineering and Equipment Co., specialists in industrial gaskets, who are now located at 2093 Torrance Blvd.

Opening his office here as a manufacturer's representative for Flexitall Gasket Co. of Camden, N. J., was H. R. Lever. With him in the office will be Mrs. Olive Schettler.

**RIGHTS CONTESTED**  
Legal controversies, more than 600 in number, continued 11 years before patent rights on the telephone were finally established.



**GIFT FOR MOM . . .** Gall Storm, star of TV and motion pictures, is mighty proud of her Adler-matic sewing machine, which she received in honor of Mother's Day. The Adler-matic can be seen locally at the M & S Sewing Machine Co., 1415 Marcelina Ave.



**READY TO GO . . .** Torrance's entry in the junior economy run is getting ready to try for that first prize trophy. Here, left to right, are Sonny Steele, who will be an observer; Bill Meacham, who will drive the Torrance entry; Sgt. Bill Evans, race official; Oscar Maples, Ford dealer who is furnishing the car; and Lt. Swayne Johnson, race official. The green flag for the affair will drop at 6 a.m. May 15.

### Museum

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1760s, when the Spaniards came in. Lack of adequate historical records makes it difficult for anthropologists to state when these Indians first came to Southern California, but A. R. Speck, who has spent 10 years speculating that it might have been as long as 3000 years ago.

## Torrance Entry Gets Set for Economy Run

Torrance will be ably represented next week when the teenage auto enthusiasts from 20 Southland cities get the green flag for the first annual safety and economy run from Lynwood to Hoover Dam.

Sponsored by the Peace Officers Car Club Assn., the junior economy run will be operated with the same set of rules which governs the annual AAA economy run to Sun Valley, and the aims will be much the same. The winner will be judged on a ton-mile basis.

## City Asked to Study Riviera Water Case

Water tanks, quality of water, water pressure, and the cost of service touched off a heated discussion among more than 200 residents and home owners of Hollywood Riviera at a meeting of the Hollywood Riviera Association Monday night.

The water committee's report was lengthy, covering background on the construction of the tanks and generalities concerning what could be done, in addition, that this line probably would have to be reinforced in capacity to serve the rapidly growing Riviera and Seaside areas.

Blount asked a number of questions on what the Council could do. He stated that, in the last analysis, it would be up to the people of the Riviera. Council would be glad to act and help in any manner possible, but it would be up to the citizens to get together to determine what they wanted done.

Further questions asked brought out: Is the Riviera to have adequate water, especially in the upper portion. Is it to have good water? Where are the tanks to be located? What would be the cost of severance? Who would be assessed for the Riviera area? Is the Riviera a whole?

In discussion, McVicar said actually there was little or no difference in the water being received by citizens of Torrance and citizens of the Riviera. Both are part well water and part MWD water, he said.

Water to other Torrance districts, he continued, has a 75 part to one million hardness ratio, while the Riviera now has 124 parts per million.

Ross C. Dorsett, president of the Home Owners, announced that Lester Carlson, manager of the California Water Service Co., would be present at a meeting soon to answer questions concerning his company and its service.

Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club advised by letter that they would request home owners to take steps to have Council install caution and 25 mile-per-hour speed limit signs at all nine entrances of the Riviera.

Locations for the signs would be Paseo de las Delicias; Vista del Parque, east and west ends; in the parkway at the west end of Calle Mayor; in the island at the intersection of Monte d'Oro, Camino de las Colinas and Camino del Camper; lot No. 4, Calle Miramar; lot No. 47, Camino de las Colinas; and the intersection of Via El Chico and Via los Miradores on the latter street.

**THS Forms Youth Employment Bureau**  
A new idea in employment services, a bureau specially for Torrance High School students, is being sponsored by the Business Education Department and the Counseling Office, officials said this week.

Miss Carmelita Rous, THS girls advisor, heads the project, which will go into operation when the school term closes in June. Students are prepared for baby sitting, house cleaning, store and clerical work, she said.

## Obituaries

### Wesley H. Painter

Funeral rites were held Tuesday at Stone and Myers Mortuary for Wesley H. Painter, 66, a resident of the Torrance area for one year, who died Thursday at his home, 20419 S. Vermont Ave.

Rites were conducted by the Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church and interment followed at Roosevelt Cemetery.

Painter was a native of Kansas. He is survived by four sisters, Mildred E. Mater of Wilmington, Louise Butter and Margaret Campbell of Kansas City, Mo., and Erma Senica of Kansas; and two brothers, Ernest Painter of Morrill, Kans., and Delmar Painter of Highland, Kans.

### Emily Miller

Emily Miller, 61, a resident of Torrance for 35 years, died Tuesday at Harbor General Hospital and funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Stone and Myers Chapel.

Rites will be conducted by the Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church and interment will follow at Roosevelt Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was born in Sydney, Australia. She is survived by three sons, Melvin Miller, 1823 Marinette St.; Kenneth Miller, 22510 Marjorie Ave., and James Miller of Chicago; two sisters, Marian Miller, 1910 Cabrillo Ave., and Ada Green, 1803 Cabrillo Ave.; two brothers, Edward Jones, 1903 Cabrillo Ave., and Thomas Wilkes, of 2717 Carson St., and five grandchildren. Mrs. Miller was a widow.

### Maude Swedenborg

Services were held Monday for Maude Helen Swedenborg, 72, who dropped dead of a heart attack while visiting her husband at Harbor General Hospital last week.

Mrs. Swedenborg collapsed in the corridor of the hospital after visiting her husband, Jack, a patient. She is a resident of 416 W. Griffith St., Gardena.

Rites were conducted at Stone and Myers Chapel by the Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church and interment followed at Roosevelt Cemetery.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Mary Marshall, sister Mrs. Jack Gibson, and daughter Mrs. June Hatcher.

### Bert C. Beers

Services for Bert C. Beers, 70, a resident of Walleria for five years, were held yesterday at the Walleria Methodist Church, conducted by the Revs. Edwin Bowling and Gene Gehres.

Beers died Sunday at Torrance Memorial Hospital. He lived at 3330 Newton St. with his wife, Joyce, and daughter, Mary Lou. Interment at Inglewood Cemetery followed.

Other survivors include two sons, Leonard F. Beers and Albert Beers. Beers was a native of Nebraska.

### Orin Dee Coulter

Final rites were held Monday for Orin Dee Coulter, 74, a resident of the Torrance area for ten months, who died Friday at his home, 21900 S. Figueroa St.

Services were conducted at the Four Square Church, 4800 E. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, by Dr. Charles Walkem. Interment was held at Rose Hills Cemetery.

Coulter, a native of Missouri, is survived by his widow, Grace I. Coulter, 21900 Figueroa St., a daughter, Thelma Norma Rupe, of Whittier; a son, Alvin Thomas Coulter of East Los Angeles; two grandsons, Alvin and Donald Coulter of Montebello and Pittsburg, Calif., a sister, Maude Wilson of San Bernardino and granddaughter June Arleen Gunswols of Lakewood.

### Knicht Office Opened Here

The campaign for the election of Governor Goodwin J. Knight was launched here this week with the appointment of Attorney Donald Armstrong to head the Torrance committee.

Top officials in the caravan will be General Petroleum's general Ralph DePalma, the former great racing star, who will drop the green flag for the start at 6 a.m. Saturday, May 15.

The trip will take contestants into three states. They will travel through San Bernardino, Victorville, and Las Vegas to Hoover Dam, cross it into Arizona for the finish. The party, expected to be around 70 persons, will stay in Las Vegas Saturday night and return Sunday.

Trophies will go to the winners and other souvenirs of the trip are being planned.

It is the governor's belief that the essence of free government rests not in narrow partisanship, but in the selection of the best man for the widest public benefit," Armstrong said.

Anyone interested in obtaining additional information or enlisting for service in the campaign may call FA 8-1115, Armstrong said.

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